

The Building Buzz is a monthly bulletin intended to highlight key happenings at the NSCC. For up-to-date information, check out the NSCC Employee Homepage at internal.nssc.nasa.gov. Submit your department milestones to NSCC-CUST-SAT-and-COMM@nasa.gov.

NSSC Hosts Quarterly Awards Ceremony

The agenda was packed at the Quarterly Awards Ceremony held on March 25. During the event, NSSC Executive Director Anita Harrell read kudos for NSSC employees who went above and beyond to make great impacts during and immediately after the shutdown. Additionally, she presented eight Small Business Awards to nine recipients.

The bulk of the ceremony was dedicating to highlighting the Achievers and the Employee of the Quarter, as well as the nominees and selection for Employee of the Year. The Achievers (pictured center, right with Tony Lisotta, GDIT Program Manger, Jim Conner, SAIC Program Manager and Harrell) were (L to R): Samantha Lopez, NCCIPS; Rolando Espino, Human Resources; Nikkole Stites, Procurement; Asya Kamenkovich, Program Management Office; Gavin Ladner, Information Technology; Charles Bahm, Enterprise Services Center; and Chris Songy, Financial Management (not pictured.) Nikkole Stites (pictured top, right with Mike Vicory, Procurement Services Division Chief, Harrell, and Ken Newton, Service Delivery Director,) was selected as the Employee of the Quarter. Nominations for the Employee of the Year were: Curtis Collins, Human Resources; Lewis Hansen, Procurement; Gina Sellier, Support Operations Directorate; Samantha Lopez, NCCIPS, and Kaitlin Henby, Financial Management. Henby (pictured bottom, left, with Lisotta, Sarita Harper, FMSO Manager and Harrell) was selected as the 2018 Employee of the Year.

Congratulations to everyone on all of your achievements!

NSSC Attends SSOW

Recently, several NSSC functional representatives attended the Shared Services and Outsourcing Week (SSOW) in Orlando, Florida. At SSOW, participants worked with industry leaders to embrace change at high speeds and convert disruption into competitive advantage. To do so, each participant was tasked with working within different focus groups to gain insight into areas that are enhancing shared services models wanting to perfect their business processes. Those improvements will zero in on process reengineering, robotic process automation (RPA) and the critical nature of business analytics teams. Participants also had the opportunity to attend a number of presentations and listen to different speakers, with the overall goal of creating synergy to empower change.



Center Spotlight: NASA’s John C. Stennis Space Center

Since the early 1960s, John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC) has powered this nation’s great space programs – testing the rocket engines for every Apollo human mission to the Moon, as well as 135 Space Shuttle flights. SSC supports three of NASA’s four strategic goals. The SSC work that most NSSC employees are familiar with is engine testing, which falls under NASA Strategic Goal 2 – Extend Continuous Human Presence Deeper into Space and to the Moon for Sustainable Long-Term Exploration and Utilization. SSC operates and maintains the A-1 and B-2 test stands and the Cryogenic, High Pressure Industrial Water, and High Pressure Gas facilities which support testing of the Space Launch System (SLS) propulsion system elements.

SSC has been testing the engines and stages that will be used for deep space missions aboard NASA's new SLS rocket. The final RS-25 engine test for this stage of the SLS was held April 4. The next test will likely not be for another year.

Over the last 50 years, SSC has grown into a sprawling federal city, with more than 50 resident agencies, including the NSSC. After advocating for the NSSC to be constructed here, SSC and the NSSC have grown to have a special partnership. SSC utilizes many services from each of our functional areas. One of our biggest contributions to supporting the SSC mission is through procurement. Most recently, the NSSC Simplified Acquisition Branch quickly procured a critical piece of hardware to support engine testing at SSC. NASA’s famous aerospace engineer Wernher von Braun once said, “I do not know yet what method we will use to get to the Moon, but I do know that we have to go through Mississippi to get there.” While he was referring to SSC, we know today that the NSSC also plays an important role in NASA’s return to the Moon and beyond!



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